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Re: PanAmSat Licensee Corp.
E990323 (File No. SES-MOD-20040623-00864)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.65 of the Commission's rules¹ and the Supplemental Order issued in MB Docket No. 03-124 on April 9, 2004,² PanAmSat Licensee Corp. ("PanAmSat") hereby requests that its above-referenced pending application for modification of its earth station authority be amended to reflect the *de facto* transfer of control of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. ("DIRECTV Group") (formerly, Hughes

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.65.

² *General Motors Corp., Hughes Electronics Corp., and The News Corp. Ltd.*, Supplemental Order, 19 FCC Rcd. 6309 (Int'l Bur. 2004).

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Electronics Corporation³), of which PanAmSat is a subsidiary, from General Motors Corporation to The News Corporation Limited ("News Corp.").⁴

Questions with regard to this matter should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. A. Godles", written over the printed name.

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³ On March 16, 2004, Hughes Electronics Corporation changed its name to The DIRECTV Group, Inc. See Letter from William M. Wiltshire and Michael D. Nilsson, Counsel for The DIRECTV Group, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (Mar. 16, 2004).

⁴ See Letter from William M. Wiltshire and Michael D. Nilsson, Counsel for News Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (Dec. 23, 2003). The Commission has found that News Corp. has a *de facto* controlling interest over DIRECTV Group and its subsidiaries, including PanAmSat, for purposes of the Communications Act of 1934. *General Motors Corp., Hughes Electronics Corp., and The News Corp. Ltd.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 19 FCC Rcd. 473 (2003).